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The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

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Your Commission

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April Showers

East Norwalk Beautification Committee



Upcoming Events

- April 1 Daylight Savings Time begins
- April 7 First Night of Passover
- April 13 Good Friday
- April 15 Easter Sunday
- April 17 Tax Day!
- April 18 Deadline for Arbor Day Poems
- April 23 Commission Meeting 7:00
Eunice Van Zilen Room
- April 27 Arbor Day
- May 20 Shea-McGrath Memorial ceremony 3:00 pm
- May 28 Memorial Day Parade 9:00 am

HoJo's to go

One year after the formation of the East Norwalk Beautification Committee, the structure which housed the former Howard Johnson's on East Avenue is one step closer to being demolished. As reported in *The Hour*, Councilman Chuck Flynn-R. Dist. C, and Michele Beyman committee chairperson, spearheaded the movement to remove this eyesore from East Norwalk. An agreement was reached after meetings between Councilman Flynn and the attorney representing the owners of the property. The owners stated they needed 45-60 days to resolve insurance issues prior to demolition of the building, after which they hope to put a new restaurant on the site.

At a Beautification Committee meeting, Councilman Flynn stated that he would wait out the 60 days requested. However, he stated that "If progress is not made at that point, EVERYONE in East Norwalk will know about it."

If you would like to help out on this very effective committee, contact the electric department office to be notified of the next meeting.

Poetry Contest

How are your poems coming? Last month we reported that Patrick Shields would again chair the committee to judge the poems submitted for the Arbor Day Poetry contest. Patrick is, unfortunately, unable to do it this year. His schedule is full from the volunteer work he performs for Marvin School, the East Norwalk Library, the East Norwalk Improvement Association, and others. Katie Coyne, a fourth grade teacher at Columbus Magnet School and long time East Norwalk resident has agreed to chair the committee. She is looking forward to the opportunity to read the hundreds of outstanding poems expected to be submitted for the contest. We look forward to seeing you on Arbor Day for the ceremonial tree planting.



Get Your Arbor Day Poems In!
Win a chance to ride in the electric vehicle!

East Norwalk Improvement Association

Daylight Savings Time

The East Norwalk Improvement Association and the Fire Department remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors, just as we change to daylight savings time. Smoke detectors save lives. It is important to keep fresh batteries in all detectors. If you need any assistance with proper placement or use of smoke detectors, contact your local firehouse on VanZant Street or the building inspector.



Social Hall Rentals

If your group or organization needs rental space for an event, the Improvement Association reminds you that the Eunice Van Zilen Room is available to you. This spacious room has a kitchen and plenty of seating. It is also conveniently located with adequate parking. Another way that your library is there for you.

Make Room For Your Summer Reading

The East Norwalk Library accepts donations of books. Finished a good book lately? Is it taking up too much shelf space at your home? Your library can find space for your overflow of books. This is the perfect way to share a book you've enjoyed with others in the community. Duplicate books are donated by the librarians to local hospitals, nursing homes and veterans organizations. Your good book can fulfill many great purposes!

Did You Notice?

Recently, the East Norwalk Electrical Department added lighting at the railroad underpass on East Avenue. The added spotlights will provide greater visibility and safety for those who pass under the bridge at night. Do you know of another location in East Norwalk that would benefit from additional lighting? If so, please contact the Electric Department. This is another example of how your local utility benefits the community! Public Power is an American Tradition that Works!

Deregulation News

The following article appeared in the March 12, 2001 edition of the Public Power Weekly. It is reprinted here with permission of the editor.

Study finds deregulation has not benefited many firms

Many businesses aren't prepared for the changes in the electricity market resulting from deregulation, and few took advantage of competition, where available, according to a study by Booz-Allen & Hamilton.

The survey of more than

500 commercial and industrial customers nationwide found that only 20% have switched providers, primarily because of the unpredictability of deregulated markets. Overall, most of those that switched were able to lower their electricity costs by 10-20%. However, a significant minority of customers who changed providers did not benefit, the consulting firm said; 10% of those that switched either saved nothing or paid more for electricity.

"Energy deregulation has not been the boon that many companies thought it would be," said Kyle Datta, a Booz-Allen vice-president. "However, we found that when companies did achieve high savings, the key factor was the use of experts, either internal or external, who understood the emerging energy markets. Companies that relied on traditional procurement processes were much less likely to save money."

The survey also found that buyers are very interested in using the Internet to obtain pricing information, but are frequently unable to find the information they need most. "Only a few suppliers are willing to post offer prices for forward power contracts, and the spread between prices bid and asked for forward contracts was high.", Datta said.

More than 500 large, mid-size and small businesses nationwide participated in last year's third-quarter survey.